(a) whether they or their officers have at any time made any enquiry with regard to the state of modern education among the Nambutiris of Cochin; if so, when and by whom and what is the report about it;

(b) is there any report that a special school is necessary for the Nambutiris; if so, will the copy of the same be placed on the table of the House;

(c) before the publication of the draft Cochin Nambudiri Religious and Charitable Endowments Bill in the Cochin Government Gazette during the Diwanship of Sir T. Vijayaraghava Chari, had the Government made any enquiry with regard to the necessity of the enactment; if so, what was the report about it;

(d) are any special educational concessions given to improve the backward condition of the Nambutiris; if so, what are they?

**Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.**—(a) and (b). Yes, towards the close of the year 1093 by Mr. C. Matthai, the present Director of Public Instruction. It is not considered necessary to place the report on the table.

(c) Yes; vide also the latter part of the answer above.

(d) Yes; concession is given in regard to minimum strength for purposes of grant to the Nambutiri Vidyalayam.

## Extension of service.

**79. Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform the House:—

(a) if any extensions of service are proposed to be granted to any of the superannuated officers in superior service who are to vacate office in 1103 M. E., and why Government should stand in the way of their taking their well-earned rest;

(b) have any list of such officers been forwarded to the Diwan as required by Article 203 of *the C.S.R.*; and, if so, will the Government be pleased to lay them on the table;

(c) if the answer to the first part of this interpellation be in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state the special reasons, if any, for such extensions?

**Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.**—(a) Government are not in a position to say anything further than that the retirement of officers on superannuation and their extension of service are governed by Articles 201 and 202 of *the C. S. R.* and that each case will be dealt with on its merits at the proper time.

(b) Yes. The list is placed on the Council table.

(c) No answer is called for in view of the answer to (a).

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**Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.**—The first part (a) of my question has not been answered. I want an answer to the question whether extensions of service are proposed to be granted. It is a definite question and a definite answer is expected.

**President.**—Each case will be dealt with in proper time.

**Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.**—I want to know the case of extensions proposed to be granted.

**President.**—Each case when it comes up will be considered on the merits.

**Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.**—To my question 'have any lists of such officers been forwarded to the Diwan' the answer is 'yes'. In how many cases Government propose to give extensions?

**President.**—In respect of persons in the list the question as to whom extensions will be granted or not will be considered at the proper time and disposed of.

**Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.**—Lists have been sent up to the Diwan to know whether Government proposes to give extensions to any of them.

**President.**—The proposals for extensions will be taken at the proper time. Suppose an officer is to retire in Kumbham, it is not time to take up that question now.

**Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.**—Am I to understand that it is not time to take up the matter now?

**President.**—Take the case of an officer A, who is to retire in Kumbham. His case will be taken into consideration in Makaram.

**Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.**—These cases will be considered and disposed of in the eleventh hour.

**President.**—Government have proper time to consider these questions.

**Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.**—May I understand that the time is not yet ripe to consider these questions?

**President.**—A particular case will have to be taken up and disposed of at a particular time.

**Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.**—I am referred to articles 201 and 202 of *the C. S. R.* There I do not find anything regarding the time to consider the giving of extensions. Am I to understand that the proper time has not yet arisen?

**President.**—Yes.

**Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.**—May I know when this matter will be disposed of?

**President.**—Generally when such matters arise they will be taken up and disposed of. Therefore we say at the proper time.

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**Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.**—May I know when ?

**President.**—There is no definite rule on the subject. You may take the case of an officer who is to retire two months hence. We may take up his case before his retirement.

**Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.**—What is the reasonable time to take it up and dispose of the same ?

**President.**—I have already made my position clear. If you could not understand I leave the Comptroller of Accounts to explain.

**Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.**—Has not the matter as yet engaged the attention of the Government ?

**Mr. A K. Vengu Ayyar.**—It is not possible to give a definite answer to these questions.

**Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.**—May I understand the time is not yet ripe to consider these questions ?

**Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.**—That is a matter of opinion. One Hon'ble Member may think it ripe, another Member may think it is not ripe. It is a matter of opinion.

**Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.**—I am only appealing to the President if there is any answer to the question.

**President.**—Specific instances might be put forward to elucidate the position. We could not lay down any hard and fast rule in these matters.

**Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.**—Government is not able to understand what is the proper time. Am I in a better position to understand ? If Government understands we shall know what it is 'at the proper time', what is that ? The Diwan asked the Comptroller of Accounts to explain,and no explanation came in.

**Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.**—Any Government Member may explain.

**Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.**—May I say one word of explanation ? The cases of persons who are to retire in 1103, Government have already considered and passed some specific orders. Their cases may arise, we cannot specify the time and circumstances whereby those orders may have to be modified. Proceedings have been issued to the effect and it is published in the Gazette. Cases may happen in the course of the year where reconsideration may be necessary.

**President.**—These are not final.

**Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.**—They are final as it is.

**President.**—But there is no final or finality in the case of human institutions. If you say it is final then you have nothing to say.

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**Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.**—Yes, tney are final.

**President.**—Subject to reconsideration. The question is when you will take up such cases.

**Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.**—May I take it as the answer "Provisionally the matter has been disposed of"?

**President.**—Orders are passed in the usual course of things. They are required to retire. Of course specific cases will be taken up and extensions granted.

**Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.**—Am I to understand from the Diwan Peishkar, the Member for Land Revenue that the Government have considered the matter and come to the conclusion ?

**President.**—There is no consideration.

**Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.**—It is only according to the rule that the list is published.

**President.**—And yet the Diwan in his discretion has power to grant extension.

**Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.**—Am I to understand that the matter has been considered ?

**Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.**—In these things there is one general proposition. If the Government passes an order , that does not mean that it is perpetually final. In human institutions so many sudden changes happen. Generally we call for lists of persons who are to retire in 1103. They have been received under the rules, considered under the rules and orders passed under the rules in the usual course of business.

**Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.**—May I know what orders have been passed ?

**Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.**—That is placed on the table.

**Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.**—Are orders then passed ? Only a list is placed on the Council table.

**Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.**—There it is placed. The Member may be asked to read it.

**Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.**—That contains the list also.

**Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.**—Here it is. I shall read it.

This is not exactly a list. There is the Government order also. Any order is subject to revision according to circumstances.

80. **Dr. A. G. Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) on what principle, extensions are generally given ?

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(2) has the Government followed the same principle for the past three years; if not, why not?

**Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.** – (1) Please see Article 201, *C. S. R.*

(2) Yes. The latter part of the question does not arise.

## Extension of service to Mr. V. R. Venkiteswara Ayyar & promotion given to Mr. V. K. Achyuta Menon.

81. **Dr. A. G. Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state,—

(1) when was Mr. V. R. Venkiteswara Ayyar, Principal, Ernakulam College, due to retire;

(2) was any extension given to him; if so, for what period and for what reasons;

(3) in what grade (pay) were Messrs. V. R. Venkiteswara Ayyar and S. K. Subrahmanya Ayyar at that time;

(4) in what grade (pay) were also Messrs. V. K. Achyuta Menon and K. N. Pai at that time;

(5) when Mr. V. R. Venkiteswara Ayyar was given an extension was a new grade (Rs. 300—400) created; if so, why was that grade created;

(6) was Mr. V. K. Achyuta Menon promoted to that grade; if so, for what reasons;

(7) was Mr. V. K. Achyuta Menon given the maximum in the grade; was there any petition from him; if so, will the Government be pleased to place it on the table;

(8) when did Mr. V. R. Venkiteswara Ayyar retire;

(9) when was Mr. V K. Achyuta Menon promoted to Mr. Venkiteswara Ayyar's grade;

(10) was he allowed to draw the maximum pay in that grade from the date of promotion; if so, why;

(11) was there any petition from him; if so, will the Government be pleased to place it on the table?

**Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.**—(1) 18—9—1100.

(2) Yes, for one year in the public interests.

(3) Both in S1 grade on Rs. 400—500.

(4) S2 grade on Rs. 250—300.

(5) Yes; but the occasion for creating the post was the re-organisation of the College establishment when its standard was raised to the First Grade. Of the two posts on Rs. 300-400 thus created one was made outside the College for the benefit of officers who had lost their chances of promotion by the drafting of new men to the College.

(6) Yes, he being the senior officer on Rs. 250—300.

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